

## JAPANESE AGAIN ATTACK PORT ARTHUR AND LOSE

Are Determined to Bottle up  
Russian Fleet.

### JAPANESE IN MANCHURIA

Battle on Land May Be Expected  
at Any Time.

### TROOPS ARE MOVING

Advance of Soldiers Causes  
Consternation at Points

St. Petersburg, Feb. 25.—In a cable-gram from Shanghai a correspondent of the Daily Mail reports the arrival there of the Japanese cruisers Izumo, Suma and Akitsushima.

The Tien Tsin correspondent of the Standard sends in a report from a native source that the Russians have burned a large village near the Sungari river and massacred the inhabitants, including women, in revenge for an attempt to wreck the Sungari bridge.

regiments of Siberian sharpshooters, a unit of six regiments of infantry, with machine guns, three batteries of mounted guns and a corresponding force of cavalry. The main body will consist of forty regiments, including Cossack cavalry, with three hundred guns.

It is added that no important military operations will be possible before the melting of the ice and that the present operations will be confined to necessary preparations.

### STORMS INTERFERE.

Tokio, Feb. 24.—(Delayed in transmission).—Three weeks ago it was thought in some quarters that the opening of the war would be speedily followed by a movement of the Russian forces toward the south, Ping Yang being picked as their objective point. The appearance of the Japanese fleet in the vicinity of Wifu tended to confirm this opinion and created the impression that there would be an early conflict in that vicinity.

If the Russians ever intended to make this movement they have apparently been beaten by the rapidly moving Japanese. The latter are said to have a large enough force to check the Russians, thus insuring the possession of Korea as soon as they are capable of making an aggressive movement themselves. These small bodies of mounted Russians who were scouting south of the Yalu river speedily withdrew to the northward.

Storms are interfering with naval operations. The Yellow sea is being swept by angry, heavy snow in falling and the weather is bitterly cold. The forces of Japan are going to the front splendidly equipped to withstand the cold, but despite their preparations both sides will suffer much during the next sixty days.

### PATIENT PEOPLE.

London, Feb. 25.—War correspondents and Europeans in Japan, commenting in amazement upon the success of Japanese operations in preserving secrecy regarding all the operations of war, declare that this conspiracy of silence is not only confined to government and civil circles, but that it extends to every section of the community. The people are submitting with patience on being deprived of news. No Japanese accounts of the Port Arthur fight have as yet been published.

It is the opinion of those who are in the Yankof of a Japanese landing near Vladivostok, which at present is based on missionary and native statements, should prove correct, a most important and new development in the Japanese operations will have been revealed, as it points to an attack on the Russian harbor.

Tosied Bay is only a little over seventy miles distant. The report that the railroad has been cut near Vladivostok has been refuted.

No further news of an attack on Port Arthur after the engagement in which the Japanese attempted to sink vessels in such a manner as to block the harbor entrance has reached London. All the English newspapers in discussing Vice Admiral Alexieff's reports incline to the belief that Admiral Togo succeeded in so far as to make the channel impassable for large battleships, even if it is still free to smaller craft, and presume that the reported second attack, if it did occur, was devoted to an attempt to sink further obstacles to navigation.

The Morning Post today devotes a long editorial article to a historical record of the rapid growth of American activity on the far eastern affairs, comparing the present attitude of the United States, with her interest in the China-Japanese war. The paper remarks on the notable friendliness of the United States toward the Japanese, and concludes that the Japanese attempt to close the entrance of the harbor of Port Arthur have been received from most authoritative quarters. These say the Japanese sent five or six old torpedo boats, which were used for the purpose of sinking the hulks at the entrance of the harbor. The battleship Retvizan discovered their approach and her fire on them was strongly seconded by that of the shore batteries north of Port Arthur. The report adds that two Japanese ships were wrecked and lie in Tien Bay, that along the shore another Japanese ship was burned and that a fourth lies wrecked on the shore outside Tien Bay. It is believed that these wrecks were not warships, but hulks designed to be sunk at the entrance of the harbor. The wrecks are said to be at considerable distance from the harbor entrance, which remains open.

The report gives no information concerning the Japanese fleet, which is said to have supported the operations against Port Arthur.

### THIRD ATTACK.

Paris, Feb. 25.—The Herald's correspondent of Port Arthur speaking of the repulse of the Japanese in their last attack says it was a brilliant defense. Admiral Stark has telegraphed that he expected a third attack.

Continuing the correspondent says that General Kurish has started for home to take leave of his mother before leaving for the far east.

### SACRED IMAGE.

Moscow, Feb. 25.—The most sacred image in Russia has been sent to St. Petersburg and it will be taken later to the far east with the army.

This image is a representation of the virgin appearing to St. Peter. It is about one foot square, and is covered with precious stones. The image has a remarkable history. It accompanied Alexei, Peter the Great and Alexander I on all their campaigns. A silver tablet attached to it enumerates the battles at which the icon was present.

### ICE MUST MELT.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 25.—According to information received by well informed military men, the Russian army, which is intended to operate in Korea, will consist of an advance van guard of two

## FIGHT IS NOT OVER

House Continues to Discuss  
the Naval Bill.

### OPPOSITION IS STRONG

Expenditures Have Increased  
Enormously of Late.

### SENATE ON ECONOMY

Free Rural Delivery Is Con-  
demned and Eulogized.

Washington, Feb. 25.—The building program for the navy asked for in the pending naval bill occupied the attention of the house throughout the day, and the fight is by no means over. The minority members of the naval committee, under the leadership of Mr. Meyer of Louisiana, first gave their endorsement to the measure, are campaigning for a reduction in the number of ships to be authorized. The amendment to strike out of the billships made yesterday by Burton of Ohio was defeated. The cru-

isers were put to the test and enough friends for them were found for their retention. Construction of the ships in government yards proved to be a fruitful topic for discussion and an amendment by Mr. Bell of California requiring one collier to be built in a government yard was adopted.

A proposition for a preferential 4 per cent in favor of bids of the Pacific coast was defeated after Mr. McDermott of New Jersey had delivered a humorous speech in which the shipbuilding trust and the state of New Jersey were put forward for the charitable consideration of the house.

Mr. McNary of Massachusetts offered an amendment for the construction of ten torpedo boat destroyers, some of which shall be built in naval yards. Mr. McNary called attention to their effect in the Port Arthur affair. Also for some vessels of the larger class and sixty-six of the "popoon class" for use in guerrilla warfare, or torpedo boat and torpedo boat destroyer class. He held this to be a Japan number for the latter class.

### JAPAN'S SUCCESS.

Mr. Foss, in opposing the torpedo boat destroyer amendment attributed the success of Japan at Port Arthur to the fact as explained by the czar that war had never had not left St. Petersburg and the Russian minister had not left Tokyo.

The Russians, he said, might have been carrying out this alleged peace policy where so much was being said. It was not a wise course, he said, to form policies on the reports of the hour.

An amendment by Mr. Rixey of Virginia, limiting to a maximum price of \$30 a ton for the price to be paid for armor plate and an armor plate factory be erected was ruled out of order.

Mr. Bell of California offered an amendment providing that the two colliers authorized by the bill should be built in government yards, one on the Pacific coast and one on the Atlantic coast. The bill amendment was modified to provide that one collier should be built in a government yard and was adopted.

Mr. Humphreys of Washington offered an amendment granting a preferential 4 per cent in favor of the construction of the ships authorized in the bill.

Mr. Williams of Mississippi declared himself opposed to extending protection to a local industry in one part of the United States against another part of the country. Messrs. Cushman and Jones of Washington asked Mr. Williams to consider his opposition to the bill of \$100,000 to destroy cotton gins. Mr. Humphreys's amendment was defeated, 18 to 68.

An amendment by Mr. Roberts increasing the torpedo boats authorized from two to five was considered, but without action.

At 5:32 p. m. the house adjourned.

### IN THE SENATE.

Washington, Feb. 25.—The senate today passed both the agricultural and the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill. An amendment to the agricultural bill suggested by Mr. Hepburn of Idaho caused an animated discussion. It contemplated the suppression of interstate fruit trees evoked a long discussion. It was supported by Messrs. Hepburn and Clark (Wyo.) and opposed by Messrs. Tillman, Lodge, Hale, Teller and Bailey.

Mr. Teller, in opposing the amendment, spoke of the growing of fruit in this country. Mr. Bailey said there had been great criticism of the total appropriations had reached \$28,000,000. The people were now paying \$60,000,000 without uttering much complaint.

Mr. Bailey also referred to the rural free delivery system, saying that the \$200,000 mark is now being expended to carry mail out to the people who would prefer to go after it. He predicted that it would not be ten years before government carriers would be delivering the hats and shoes of Mr. Warren, the senator from Wyoming, at his door.

"Providing the Republican party remains in power," said Mr. Warren, in reply to Mr. Bailey's assertion to the condition, saying the success of the Republican party would be in the interest of the senator's "kind."

Mr. Tillman interrupted with the observation that both parties are equally chargeable with responsibility for the rural free delivery system. "That," he said, "I want to take equal credit for it."

He said it was his conviction that the system was a great improvement over

## The Wichita Daily Eagle.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1904.  
IMPORTANT NEWS OF TODAY

1. Another Attack on Port Arthur. Congressional Proceedings. Russia Vexed at America. Fatal Cave-in at Butte.
2. Alexander Has Opinion. Cattlemen Adjourn Meeting.
3. Hogs Were Higher. Grains and Provisions Higher.
5. Result of County Primaries. More Orient Count to Be Sold.
6. Maccabees Give Reception. Local News of the Railroads.
8. European War Gossip. Sixth Infantry Under Order.
9. Indian Chief Is Married.

### Additional Local News.

the old and said that if Mr. Bailey did not consider it a blessing he was "badly off." While Mr. Bailey was speaking of the multiplication of expenses he referred to Mr. Tillman as not always voting to keep them down.

### TO GET EVEN

Mr. Tillman said he voted for an appropriation for the Charleston exposition because he saw every other state taking in money. He said: "We were paying the taxes and getting nothing back. I paid \$10 tax and got 50 cents in return."

"Yes," responded Mr. Bailey, "and under this procedure you will soon pay \$20 and get \$1 back and then you will be \$19 out."

Mr. Tillman was still unconscious of the by-play, but not so with Mr. Bailey. He was not pleased with the procedure and exclaimed sharply: "When this villainous performance has ceased I will be glad to continue."

The chair rapped the senate to order. Later, when Mr. Tillman had been told of the incident, he walked to the seat of Senator Warren and, taking a bottle from his pocket, offered it to him. "Let me be drink," he said, "that the senator wanted a drink I would have provided him with something stronger."

Explaining the incident, he said that Mr. Tillman never drank. Mr. Tillman said that he drank, but never got drunk except at banquets.

On a point of order made by Mr. Nelson the committee on amendment providing that no bureau of public service will be transferred from one executive department to another was ruled out as general legislation.

### TWO LIVES LOST.

Colorado Springs, Colo., Feb. 25.—Two lives and possibly a third were lost in a fire that broke out at 1 o'clock this morning and threatened the entire business section of the city. Dead:

DELLA SMITH, a ten-year-old girl, UNKNOWN MAN, whose remains were charred beyond recognition.

The girl perished in her room at the lodging house from which her mother escaped by jumping.

The remains of the man were found in the debris lodged between the timbers of two buildings that had burned. The loss in property is not heavy.

The remains of the man who perished were later identified as those of Mike McGuire, a laborer employed by St. John & Barnes, plumbers. Lela Maude Lovely, aged 12 years, was the only other victim.

Miss White, a laborer, was severely burned about the arms and face and Mrs. Mary Smith, sustained a broken ankle.

### ANTI-AMERICAN FEELING.

Russia Hears That Fighting Bob Has Marines Handy.

New York, Feb. 25.—Many false reports are being circulated here, says a Herald dispatch from St. Petersburg, one being to the effect that Rear Admiral Evans, U. S. N., has marines ready to dispatch this afternoon with Judge Cleveland of the probate court. A new demurrer was filed in the superior court today by counsel for Mrs. Bennett, widow of P. S. Bennett. The demurrer was to the answer recently entered by Mr. Bryan to the suit for construction of the Bennett will. Mr. Bryan said he had informed Judge Cleveland that all parties interested have agreed upon a plan for the disposal of the personal estate, which has, however, nothing to do with the matters now in litigation.

Two Stock Trains Come Into Collision in Iowa.

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 25.—The front section of a fast stock and freight train into the rear end of another stock and freight train on the Chicago Great Western out of Des Moines. The women and children in the rear train were killed. Three stockmen of the train were killed and their bodies cremated. Their names were not known and will have to be learned from the stock shipment records. Two other stockmen who were riding in the cabooses of the first section were badly injured. The wreck caught fire and the caboose and a refrigerator car were burned.

### FRIEND OF RUSSIA.

Dictator of Korea Goes to Japan in Full Dress.

Seoul, Feb. 25.—Yi Yung-Tik, who was formerly minister of war and practically the dictator of Korea and considered a friend of Russia was taken by the Japanese when they entered Chemulpo and on the same night and put on board of a war ship which took him to Japan. He went on board in court dress.

### BANKS ARE READY.

They Can Finance The Withdrawal of Deposits.

New York, Feb. 25.—Secretary Shaw of the treasury department was at the sub-treasury today, where he received a number of callers, including E. H. Hartman, Isaac N. Seligman of the J. & W. Seligman Co., James Stillman, president of

## CZAR'S FOLKS IRRITATED

St. Petersburg Deems United  
States Unfriendly.

### INCIDENT AT CHEMULPO

American Commander Did Not  
Make a Protest.

### BUSINESS MEN SUFFER

American Goods Are Refused  
by Czar's Subjects.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 25.—The irritation against the United States over the supposedly unfriendly attitude of that country, seems to have become daily more pronounced, and since the Vicksburg incident at Chemulpo when the commander of this American gunboat is said to have refused to unite with the commanders of other foreign warships at Chemulpo to protest against the fighting which resulted in the loss of Russian warships and the fact that the Vicksburg did not take on board survivors of the Russian ships, American business men here are alarmed against the country's action.

During the last few days orders for American goods have been countermanded, the Russians saying they did not desire to buy American goods. Another case was the countermanding of an order for school supplies. Also orders for wood pulp have been countermanded. Mr. Watts, the American consul, has felt it his duty to write to the state department pointing out the state of public feeling here and the great prospective damage to American trade unless measures were taken to allay the irritation.

American explanation would be of opportunity and have an excellent effect. Russia does not want to be placed in the position of refusing to allow American consuls to enter upon their duties but, with a state of war existing and commerce at a standstill, military considerations are paramount. The refusal of Russia to allow Mr. Morgan, the newly appointed American consul at Port Dalny, to go to his post at present is based solely on the military situation which may compel all foreigners to leave Port Dalny. The sincere hope is expressed that the United States will not embarrass Russia further at this time.

### ARE STILL CELEBRATING.

Ratification Canal Treaty Was Very Pleading in Panama.

Colon, Feb. 25.—The United States auxiliary cruiser Dixie embarked her marines here today, being in Major Cole's division, and jet tonight for Chiriqui Lagoon. Her ultimate destination is declared to be Philadelphia.

The celebration of the ratification of the canal treaty Tuesday by the United States senate has been almost continuous since that day. The band of the United States flag ship Philadelphia played American airs and American officers, and many American ladies were present at the entertainment.

During the night the railroad offices were resplendent with electrical illuminations, the letters of the railroad showing clearly in red, white and blue colors. There were fire works displays in every part of the town until early this morning when the crowds in the streets dispersed.

### BRYAN AT NEW HAVEN.

He Confers With the Judge in the Will Case.

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 25.—William J. Bryan came here today from Washington on business connected with the will of the late P. S. Bennett, of which he is one of the executors. He was in consultation this afternoon with Judge Cleveland of the probate court. A new demurrer was filed in the superior court today by counsel for Mrs. Bennett, widow of P. S. Bennett. The demurrer was to the answer recently entered by Mr. Bryan to the suit for construction of the Bennett will. Mr. Bryan said he had informed Judge Cleveland that all parties interested have agreed upon a plan for the disposal of the personal estate, which has, however, nothing to do with the matters now in litigation.

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Cave-in of Earth and Rock Is  
Disastrous.

### ON THE SIXTH FLOOR

Ground Was Soft and in  
Danger of Falling.

### WENT TO STRENGTHEN IT

Accident Occurred and None  
Lives to Tell How.

Butte, Mont., Feb. 25.—Five lives were lost by a cave-in of earth and rock in the famous Mimmie Healey mine this afternoon.

The dead: THOMAS HAGGERTY, shift boss, THOMAS FURLONG, miner, WILLIAM DWYER, miner, IRE ABRAHAM, miner, ANTON TRINNETT, miner.

The accident occurred on the sixth floor of the 1,000 foot level. Early in the day Foreman Joseph Kane was informed that the ground in that place was very soft and in danger of falling. He withdrew all the miners who were working there. This afternoon Shift Boss Haggerty took Furlong, Dwyer, Abraham and Trinnett into the place to bulkhead and otherwise strengthen the weak spots. How the accident happened is not known as none of the men were left to tell of the accident. The bodies of Haggerty and Trinnett were found early this evening, but it is likely to be days before the others are recovered. The Mimmie Healey is operated by the Montana Ore Purchasing company.

It is now reported that Tom Powers, another miner, is missing and may be under the earth and rock.

### GAVE A HEARING.

Secretary Taft Listened to Arguments on Shipping Plan.

Washington, Feb. 25.—Secretary Taft gave a hearing at the war department to a number of persons interested in pending legislation relative to the limitation of Philippine commerce to American bottoms. These present included representatives of shipbuilding and export interests. The argument touched every phase of the question with which Secretary Taft appeared to be very familiar. The only novel proposition today was one that seemed to emanate from Secretary Taft himself, looking to a combination of the pending shipping bill excluding foreign bottoms from the Philippines trade with the tariff reduction scheme.

### ON CRUDE PETROLEUM.

Census Bureau Has Issued a Bulletin on That Product.

Washington, Feb. 25.—The census bureau today issued a preliminary report on the production of crude petroleum in the United States during the calendar year 1903. It shows a total product of 93,373,000 barrels of 42 gallons each, valued at \$7,977,722 against \$3,461,113 for 1902, an increase of \$4,516,609, as reported by the petroleum census, which covers the year 1903. The report shows that in 1902 there were 19,673 wells, 28,522 operators, 2,852 salaried employees drawing an aggregate of \$2,986,760, and 17,352 wage earners, drawing \$1,242,360. The cost of supplies and materials was \$17,232,312, miscellaneous expenses \$15,311,724, and cost of contract work \$12,936,421.

### TO HIDE A CRIME.

That is the Theory Upon Which Police are Working.

Colorado Springs, Colo., Feb. 25.—According to a theory upon which the police are now working, the fire of this morning, in which two lives were lost, was started by persons who desired to hide a crime of murder.

Mike McGuire, a laborer, was found dead on the roof of an adjoining building and it is believed that during a drunken brawl which preceded the fire McGuire received injuries which scared the others so that they threw him out on the building and then started the fire under him to hide their crime. No arrests have been made.

### SHIPS IT TO CHINA.

Japan is Seizing the Beef Sent to Russia.

San Francisco, Feb. 25.—The sailing of the steamer China for the Orient has been postponed from tomorrow to Saturday. On the steamer tonight workmen are removing the million pounds of beef killed for the Russian government by local dealers. The beef had been contracted for by the Russian government and the first two installments were shipped on the steamers Ogish and Korea. The beef was seized by Japanese officials and it is believed the local dealers counter-claimed the shipment at the last moment and will ship it to China.

### REPORT WASN'T TRUE.

Great Britain Doesn't Intend to Seize Spanish Ports.

London, Feb. 25.—Premier Balfour when, on his first appearance today in the house of commons since his illness, was greeted with warm cheers, replying to a question, confirmed the statement made in these dispatches February 20, that there was no truth in the reports that Great Britain intended to seize certain points on the Spanish coast in the event of a continental war.

### THE WEATHER

Washington, Feb. 25.—Forecast: Kansas—Snow in north, rain or snow in south portion Friday; cold on Saturday fair.

Oklahoma and Indian Territory—Rain and colder Friday, Saturday fair.

### ST. PETERSBURG, FEB. 25.—Major General

Pliginsk, quartermaster general of the Kiev military district, has been appointed to the post of inspector of the Manchurian army General Pliginsk's fight in the Russo-Turkish war and since that time his advancement to the army has been steady.